

THE FLORA OF CONCORD¹: A REVIEW

The greater Boston area has a long history of botanical publications, beginning with Bigelow's *Florula Bostoniensis* of 1814. A "Flora of Middlesex County" by L. L. Dame and F. S. Collins was published in 1888. R. J. Eaton's *Flora of Concord* is in this tradition. Based on his own knowledge, the herbarium of the New England Botanical Club and the Gray Herbarium — which holds the most of Thoreau's herbarium — he has synthesized an annotated catalog which is both ecological and historical.

The Flora of Concord has been a labor of love. It is fortunate that the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University, having a Field Station in Concord, should have undertaken the publication of so useful a book. One hopes that this will stimulate the production of other local floras which are, after all, the stuff on which more synoptic works must eventually be based.

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